raise 100,000 conscripts; I can arm them with the muskets of royalists and ill-disposed national guards; I will raise a levy *en masse* in the Lyonnais, Dauphine, Burgundy, Lorraine, Champagne; I will crush the enemy; but everybody must help me, and not deafen me. I am starting for Laon: I shall doubtless find troops there. I have not heard from Grouchy; unless he is captured, as I fear he is, I shall have 50,000 men in three days. Write and tell me what effect this horrible scrimmage has had on the Chamber. I think the deputies will realize that their duty, in this great crisis, is to join me in saving France. See that they support nae as they should; above all courage and firmness.

21st, Paris:

I had had no food for three days! I was extremely tired. As soon as I arrived I jumped into my bath, and had something to eat.

(Lavalette: He came to me with a frightful, epileptic laugh!)

Ah! my God!

The army did wonders; it was seized with a panic. Ney behaved like a madman. I am exhausted. I must have two hours' rest. I am bursting, here!

Well, all is not lost. I shall inform the Chamber of what has occurred. I hope that this step will rally them around me. After that I shall go off again.

(Message to the Chamber of Representatives.) Mr. President: After the battles of Ligny and of Mont Saint Jean, and after having arranged for rallying the army at Avesnes and Philippeville, for the defence of the fron-